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MODERNISATION OF ORDNANCE FACTORIES
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to modernise the Ordnance factories;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of ordnance factories modernised and expanded during the last three years;

(d) whether there is any plan to set up new factories;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the lapses such as fire and loss of ammunitions would be stopped in future; and

(g) if so, the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Process of modernisation includes renewal and replacement of old Plant and Machinery and induction of new machines and processes for improved productivity.

(c) During the last three years, modernisation activities have been taken up in twenty six Ordnance Factories.

(d) & (e): A new Ordnance Factory is being established at Nalanda (Bihar) to produce Bi-Modular Propellant Charge System for high caliber ammunition.

(f) & (g): Each case of fire accident in factories is got investigated by a board of officers who, on analysing various aspects, suggest measures for further improvement in safety procedures, which are implemented to avoid recurrence of such incidents.